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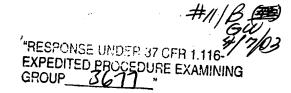
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SIR:

In response to the Official Action mailed on February 5, 2003, please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1, 7, and 13, without prejudice or disclaimer, amend claims 2, 3, 8-12, 14, and 16-19 as shown in clean form below, and add new claim 20 as shown below. A Marked-Up Copy of the amended claims is attached.

2. (Twice Amended) The ring according to claim 16, further comprising:

a first central axis which connects a center of a bottom surface of said first ditch portion and a center of curvature of both an outer surface of said ring and an inner surface of said ring;

a second central axis which connects a center of a bottom surface of said second ditch portion and said center of curvature of both said outer and inner surfaces of said ring,